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Project #

22-7087

County: Frederick

Number of Cats Spayed: 54

Number of Dogs Spayed: 81

Number of Cats Neutered: 42

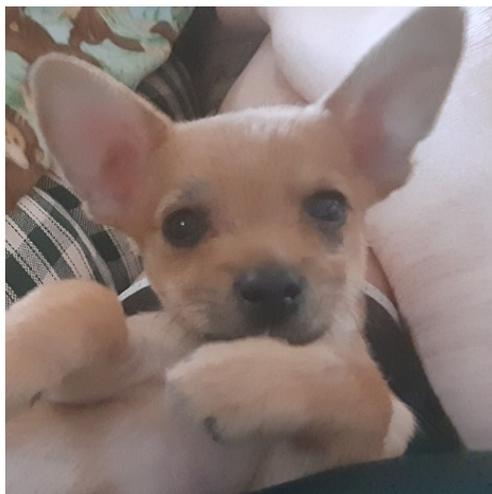
Number of Dogs Neutered: 70

Amount Received: \$23,085.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

This grant was a great benefit to the families of Frederick County who needed help the most. Scheduling was the only issue we ran into. Vet offices are very busy, however Prospect Vet reserved spots and we were able to complete the project.



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Project Description:

This project offered free spay/neuter for the pets of families living at or under the ALICE financial scale.

Summary of Approach:

The guidelines were easy to follow and we didn't have any issues with the public not understanding the process. The program was well known in the community and we were able to fill all spots and complete surgeries. Spay/neuter has proven long-term health benefits for animals. Spaying females before their first heat cycle almost completely eliminates breast cancer and prevents uterine infections (including pyometra) and uterine cancer. Neutering males eliminates testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate as well as highly reducing risk of perianal tumors. Spay/neuter is also cost-effective. It's much less expensive to spay or neuter than to pay for litters of cats or dogs that you may get. Helping people keep the pets they have also decreases the number of unwanted animals taken to the shelter, thereby lowering the number of animals that may have to be euthanized.

Accomplishments:

This project helped families prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens from being born as well as helping with the future health of their pets.



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Lessons Learned:

I do believe that a small fee would be a benefit in a program like this. We had many people make appointments for the surgery and then not show up at the vet office. This created a hardship for the vet office as they set aside their appointments for this. If there was a \$5 to \$10 fee that would be lost for no shows, this would be less likely to happen.

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